

Cotherstone Primary School **Newsletter 7th October 2021**

Little Learners

Our new pre-school 'Little Learners' is now up and running. Please spread the word and get in touch if you have pre-school age children who would like to come and join in the fun!

Lunch money

If you haven't already done so, please send in payment for your child's lunches as soon as possible. (£79.55 for this half term, cheque made payable to Durham County Council).

Morrisons – It's good to grow

If you shop at Morrisons, please download the Morrisons app, register with MyMorrisons and select Cotherstone Primary School. You can then scan the app at the checkout or use it online and the school will receive Grow Tokens for free gardening equipment.

Flu Immunisation

The Immunisation Team will be in school tomorrow to administer the vaccinations.

Class 1's Trip to Raby Castle by Holly

"I really liked the octagon room at Raby Castle because it was an octagon shape and covered in gold things. I liked being able to eat in the Servant's Hall instead of eating on a bench like we do at school. Nick showed us around the castle and we got to be 'Nick's Knights', which was really cool! We did what Nick said and if he said 'Nick's Knights' we had to march and stand to attention. The play area was fun too! I really enjoyed our trip!"



Miss Lee and Mrs Murtagh would like to say how extremely proud they were of Class 1 as it was noted and commented on what excellent behaviour, manners and what great interest and knowledge the children had in the castle. Well done!

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Thank you to those parents who have paid for last week's trip. £8.25 is the cost of the trip. If you are unsure how much you owe for the trip please contact Alison in the office. Without donations from parents we would be unable to treat the children to such beneficial, educational trips.

We're going on a bear hunt!

Some of the children in Class 1 had great fun recreating the story 'We're going on a bear hunt' in a tuff tray. They made puppets and re-told the story 😊



This week in Class 2...

In Maths, we have been investigating Skittles by finding out how many of each flavour there are in a packet. We recorded this in a tally chart and then created bar graphs to present the information clearly. We then answered questions based on our graphs.

In Science, we learned about Mary Anning and her amazing fossil finds!

In History, we learned about the Battle of Marathon where the Greeks defeated the Persians even though they were heavily outnumbered!

This week in Class 3...

It has been another busy week in Class 3! We have explored the life cycles of amphibians and insects as part of our 'Living Things and Their Habitats' Science work. As part of this the children produced some fantastic zoological illustrations showing metamorphosis.

In PE, Mr Leinster taught tag rugby and introduced challenge cards throughout the games to showcase our skills.

As part of our Literacy work on Beowulf we explored Kennings and created our own Kennings poem for Grendel's Mother, who it's safe to say, isn't a very beautiful character!

We explored chronology in History and to begin with we explored all the periods of History we have looked at so far throughout our time in Cotherstone School and placed these on a timeline to see where the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings fit. We then focused on key events throughout the Anglo-Saxon and Vikings period of History.

To find out more about what we will be learning in Class 3 throughout this term please see our Class 3 page on the school website.

Pupil Library Service by Isabella B, Isolina, Chloe and Josie - Year 6

We are going to be starting up our own school library, service and this is going to be run by us. From next week pupils can join the library, receive their very own library card, and borrow a book to take home to enjoy at their own leisure. Each book will be date stamped with a return to school date. We are really excited about this and can't wait to welcome everyone into our library.

Photo Competition

Reminder from last week's newsletter that there is still time to take part in our strangest, funniest and unusual reading place competition.

Send your photos to p2185.admin@durhamlearning.net and include in the subject heading 'photo competition.' There will be prizes for the most unusual and funniest. All photos will be printed and on display in our school library to keep us smiling throughout the year!

School Garden Vegetables

The children have been busy in the garden this week digging up some wonderful beetroot and carrots. The vegetables have been washed by some very eager volunteers and will be available outside the school gates to parents, carers, and children to take tomorrow (Friday) - any donations for the vegetables would be gratefully received and reinvested back into our garden.



After School Club

This week the children have been making sock puppets, playing hide and seek, playing football with Mr Leinster and colouring in!

The after school club would welcome donations of dressing up clothes. If you have any at home that your children have finished with please drop them off at school. Many thanks.

Awards

Class 1 – Josie for settling into Pre-school so happily every day! The whole of Class 1 and Pre-school for their excellent manners, behaviour and etiquette demonstrated so beautifully on our trip to Raby Castle 😊 Presentation Award: Harry Green for trying hard to present his work beautifully in all subjects.

Class 2 – Oliver - trying hard in all lessons. Presentation Award - Zara

Class 3 - Star of the Week- Ashton for fantastic problem-solving skills in Maths. Presentation Award- Chloe.

Homework

Class 1: Please see individual homework folders

Class 2: Spellings. Maths Challenge. History: Draw a picture of The Battle of Marathon with labels.

Class 3: Spellings. Literacy- Adverbials. Science- Life Cycles.

Please continue to read with your child as often as possible and record this in their reading record. Thank you.

***Thank you for your continued support,
If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.
Chris Matthewman and the Cotherstone Team***

Dates for your diary:

8th October – Key stage 2 swimming

w/c 11th October – Week 1 of lunch menu

15th October – Key stage 2 swimming

21st October – Harvest Festival

22nd October – Key stage 2 swimming